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Voluntary use of electronic forms for vessel Notification of Arrival at U.S. Ports

On February 28, 2003, the U. S. Coast Guard published a Final Rule to Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 160 regarding vessel Notice of Arrival (NOA) information. This Final Rule became effective April 1, 2003, and requires the NOA to be submitted to the National Vessel Movement Center at least 96 hours before entering a U.S. port or place of destination. It also consolidates the required vessel Notice of Departure information with the NOA, requires electronic submission of cargo manifest information to the United States Customs Service, and requires the submission of additional crew and passenger information.

To facilitate timely and complete submission of vessel NOA information, the U.S. Coast Guard has developed a standardized electronic form for use by owners, agents, masters, operators, or persons in charge of vessels bound for, or departing from, ports or places in the U.S. This form may be downloaded from http://www.nvmc.uscg.gov/Forms/NOAForm_rev_20020910.xls. Although electronic submissions of NOA reports are not mandated, it is highly recommended. The voluntary use of this electronic form will minimize errors and save valuable time and effort associated with NOA data entry.

Further information on the new NOA requirements along with FAQ's can be found at the National Vessel Movement Center web site, <http://www.nvmc.uscg.gov>.

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